

Torrance, California
July 26, 1949

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, July 26th, at 8:08 p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding. City Clerk Bartlett called the roll and those responding were: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Attorney Smith and City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to the Flag.

As first order of business, minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12th and the Special Meeting of July 19th were approved as read on motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried.

Councilman Drale brought up the motion made at the Special Meeting requesting the City Attorney to take necessary steps regarding the water barrier erected by Mr. Barnard. Mr. Smith asked whether the Council wished him to proceed criminally or civilly. Councilman Powell moved the City Attorney take necessary steps under Ordinance No. 441 to eliminate the water barrier, as suggested on July 19th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Statement from State Compensation Insurance refunding \$955.66 to the City. Matter of record.

Request from First Church of Christ, Scientist, for use of the Auditorium on January 17, 1950. Councilman Drale moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Request from Ruth Lee, 1313 Cabrillo Ave., for permit to practice phrenology, etc. Attached was a recommendation from Lt. Fred Wolfe (retired), L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., and on Lt. Wolfe's recommendation Chief Stroh also recommended permission be granted. Councilman Drale moved request be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for further study and opinion to be rendered next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Request from Mrs. I. Bautista, 18601 So. Arlington, for permission to erect a tent for Saturday church services during month of August. Councilman Haggard moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from Torrance Pharmacy requesting relief as to parking condition in front of the store. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission, report to be made at the next Council Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously. Mayor Sherfey advised the problem had been discussed with Chief Stroh during the Agenda meeting.

Request from the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee for use of the Auditorium on September 7th. Councilman Jackson moved request be granted and that the City Manager communicate with the Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company advising installation of the crossing protection devices at the Crenshaw and Cabrillo crossings would commence within a few days. Mayor Sherfey moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Statement from the Stadium Theatre for replacing of curb in the amount of \$105.00. Councilman Powell moved that City Manager include the claim in his next appropriation recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Civil Service Board requesting letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Dowell, widow of former member of Board. Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Board and requested that the City Attorney, in all such instances, be instructed to write such letters upon instruction from the Mayor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

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Letter from the Civil Service Board advising Dale Riley had served in excess of 6 months in temporary capacity of Tax Inspector and recommending immediate removal. Councilman Powell moved the Board be informed of the request for a bulletin on that particular position calling for an examination, which is now being prepared by the Council and City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from San Pedro Typographical Union #862 commending action of Councilman Drale on July 12th in insisting certain letters be read and setting forth rates for legal advertising charged by other nearby papers.

Letter from United Steelworkers of America, Local 2470, protesting the proposed awarding of printing contract to the Torrance Herald.

Letter from Milky William's Local #1414 commending Councilman Drale's action of July 12th and denouncing the Torrance Herald's "smear editorial" against Mr. Drale.

Letter from the Torrance Herald enclosing samples of printing and justifying their rate of \$1.56 per column inch.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Manager and City Attorney take whatever steps they deem necessary to ascertain, and assure the Council, that the rate charged by the Torrance Herald is just and legal, and report back at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett then read the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, which were as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Francis L. Prenevost, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period as Bus Attendant, effective July 14, 1949, at a compensation of \$193.00 per month.
2. That George W. Peterson be temporarily employed as a Watchman at Ball Park, effective July 25, 1949, at a compensation of \$176.00 per month.
3. That John G. Cox be transferred from the Bus Department to the Street Department, effective July 16, 1949.
4. That Grady Hill be temporarily employed as an Electrician, during the construction of the garage and office building in the City Yard, effective July 11, 1949, at a compensation of \$1.50 per hour.
5. That Frank H. Dempsay be temporarily employed as a Painter, effective July 27, 1949, at a compensation of \$231.00 per month.
6. That Ralph Lester Fritz be temporarily employed as Custodian, effective July 25, 1949, at a compensation of \$176.00 per month.
7. That Jack R. Stephens, Equipment Operator III, receive a compensation of \$290.00 per month, effective July 1, 1949.
8. That Harold Trezise and Gayle M. Whitacre receive a compensation of \$277.00 per month, effective July 1, 1949.
9. That the salary schedule for Street and Park Superintendent be established at \$349.00 to \$419.00 per month, effective July 1, 1949.

10. That the salary bracket for City Garage Foreman be established at \$318.00 to \$382.00 per month, effective July 1, 1949.
11. That the compensation of the City Attorney be at the rate of \$300.00 per month, effective July 1, 1949.

As to Item 6, question was asked as to who was replacing Mr. Brodie? City Manager Stevens explained Mr. Davies was temporarily acting as Chief Custodian and that his "advancement" was automatic and needed no action by Council. Councilman Powell then moved recommendations be concurred in. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN Haggard.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be instructed to send Mr. Brodie a card or message from the City Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the Moneta Water Company be authorized to install a water meter at the southeast corner of 182nd Street and Arlington Avenue, in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Chief.
2. That fire hydrants be authorized at the following locations:
 - a. 226th Street and Ocean Avenue
 - b. 230th Street and Ocean Avenue
 - c. Sepulveda Boulevard and Ocean Avenue
 in accordance with the recommendations of the Fire Chief.
3. For the purchase of road materials for construction of new approach road at Torrance Municipal Airport, the sum of \$600.00 (from Airport Funds).
4. That the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors be requested to install a teletype machine in the Police Department, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.
5. For the purchase of a No. 12 Caterpillar Diesel Motor Grader, the sum of \$10,066.75, excluding trade-in of City's old motor grader.

Councilman Jackson moved the recommendations be approved by the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett then read a letter from the Torrance Planning Commission re the following matters:

"Tentative Tract Map No. 16125, located north of 228th Street and west of Western Avenue, was presented for Mr. John E. Kettler. It was unanimously agreed by the Commission to recommend approval to the City Council."

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

"The request of Mary Frenger for an extension of six months on her Variance to permit the use of her home, located at 3657 Emerald St., as a restaurant, was unanimously recommended to the City Council for approval."

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson. At request of Councilman Powell, motion was corrected and restated - that Council grant the extension of the Variance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Clerk Bartlett then read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2001

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE
OF STATE HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 2001 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED FROM MARY
PHILLIPS, ALSO KNOWN AS NETTIE M. PHILLIPS,
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 2002 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED FROM CARL T.
PHILLIPS, JR., TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 2003 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK
TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEED TO KATZ AND PINE.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 2004 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE INSTRUCTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
WATER DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO IN-
STALL NECESSARY VALVES AND METER TO SUPPLY
STAND-BY SERVICE TO EL CAMINO COLLEGE.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 2005 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE INSTRUCTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
WATER DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO IN-
STALL NECESSARY VALVES AND METERS TO SUPPLY E-
MERGENCY STAND-BY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF EL
NIDO THROUGH BELVIDERE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 2006 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY, A CONTRACT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SALE OF SCHOOL TICKET BOOKS.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 2007 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACT NO. 8198; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Powell moved matter be held over until next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 31, TRACT NO. 2761, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 474 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 474 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 475

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1175' ON NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY EASTERLY FROM SOUTHEAST-ERLY CORNER OF TRACT NO. 15397 FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of Ordinance No. 475 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 475 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved City Attorney be requested to draw Resolution No. 2009 requiring duplicate copies be made of all communications sent to the City Clerk covering civic affairs of the City of Torrance and that each Councilman receive a copy. Following a short discussion, motion was seconded by Councilman Powell and defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey.

Councilman Powell suggested the City Clerk should, prior to the open meeting, bring up all communications in agenda and that a copy of any letter addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk should be sent to a Councilman by the writer to insure its being read. Discussion followed and Clerk Bartlett advised the Council and the

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audience that all letters addressed to the City Council at the City Hall were received by him and were read but that he had no control and was not responsible for letters addressed to the various Councilmen individually.

Councilman Drale recommended that every street along Carson, from Date to Iris, be paved.

Councilman Drale asked for a "show of hands" from those in the audience who would like to see a merry-go-round in the Park. He made the motion that the suggestion be referred to the Recreation Commission for opinion at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard requested Clerk Bartlett read a letter addressed to the City Council which he had written expressing his stand on wage increases and urging reduction in tax rate or investment of a part of the City's surplus in recreational facilities. A short discussion followed.

Councilman Powell asked City Manager Stevens if a meeting had been held with Mr. Green re complaints on garbage pick up and was advised affirmatively and that everything was being worked out.

Councilman Powell moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the County Registrar of Voters requesting division of Precinct #24. Clerk Bartlett advised the Registrar was working on a change of all our precincts, adding 5 more, and suggested a letter at this time would not hurry things any. Motion was withdrawn.


Mr. Jack Baldwin reported the progress made during the past week of the Pest Control Committee in their campaign, and recommended (1) that the City allot \$1000 to finance the campaign, (2) that the garbage collector be deputized to tag all containers which are unfit and that such containers not be emptied until remedied, and (3) that an ordinance be passed that garbage not collected could not be kept very long. Discussion followed by members of the Council, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Olsen (of Olsen Pest Control) and Mr. Gage (of Gage Pump Co., commercial sprayers). Proper procedure for the obtaining of bids for spraying was discussed by the City Council and City Attorney. Councilman Powell moved that the Council set up a fund of \$700 to cover spraying and that proofs of any pamphlets or brochures be presented to the City Manager for approval before any further expenditures were contracted for. City Attorney Smith advised any such expenditure would have to be specifically authorized by the Council as any contract made by the Committee would not bind the City.

Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:20 p.m. Councilman Powell moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE